REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register:	24 April 1998
Name of applicant/court:	NORML NZ Inc
Applicant to the Labelling Body:	Not Applicable
Title of Publication:	High Times July 1996 - 251
Other Known Titles:	Not Stated
Director:	Not Applicable
Producer:	Not Applicable
Publisher:	Trans-High Corporation
Author:	Not Applicable
Format:	Magazine
Country of Origin:	USA
Language:	English

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Components of film originally examined: Not Applicable.

Feature:	Running time:
Trailers:	Running time:
	Total Running time:

Excision/Alteration: No.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

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Classification Decision:

Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 18 years.

Display Conditions:

- Labelled not for sale to persons under the age of 18 years
- Sealed package

Descriptive Note:

Not Applicable.

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Direction to issue a label has been given on: Not Applicable.

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The Film and Literature Board of Review classifies the issues 250, 251 and 252 of *High Times* as R18 and requires the magazines to be labelled and sealed.

Parts of these magazines promote illegal activities. The magazines advocate the reform of the laws so as to make these activities legal. The content of the magazines which promotes criminal activity is outweighed by the content which advocates law reform and lifestyle. The dominant effect of these issues of *High Times* is the promotion of a point of view with respect to the law and culture surrounding marijuana use. Advocation of a lifestyle and reform of laws does not promote criminal activity. The largely American content, and the content requiring credit cards, distances the magazine from a young readership.

The R18 classification imposed on these magazines is no more than is necessary to protect the public good from injury, and is therefore a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression contained in the Bill of Rights Act.

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